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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER RATSIRAKA CALL ON ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY RICHARDSON

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF RATSIRAKA-RICHARDSON MEETING  
IN DEPARTMENT JULY 25. DETAILS FORWARDED BY MEMCON.  
DR. RATSIMANDRESY AND AMBASSADOR RAHARIJAONA ACCOMPANIED  
RATSIRAKA. ON US SIDE WERE EDMONDSON AND O'BRIEN OF CU/AF  
AND COHEN OF AF/C.

2. RATSIRAKA PRESENTED ARGUMENT FOR FOREIGN TRAINING OF  
MALAGASY YOUNG PEOPLE IN VARIETY FIELDS. SINGLED OUT  
US AS MOST APPROPRIATE FOR TRAINING IN MARINE ENGINEERING,  
MANAGEMENT, AND TECHNICAL SKILLS. REQUESTED AT LEAST FIVE  
SCHOLARSHIPS AT UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL. EMPHASIS GIVEN  
UNDERGRADUATE-LEVEL TRAINING SINCE TO DATE FRENCH-DOMINATED  
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM HAS PRODUCED SMALL ELITE WITH FEW MARKET-  
ABLE SKILLS. RATSIRAKA STATED GOMR NOT INTERESTED  
FOREIGNERS GOING TO MADAGASCAR TO TEACH OR TRAIN MALAGASY.  
YOUTHS TRAINED ABROAD COULD PASS ON THEIR SKILLS OTHER  
MALAGASY.

3. RICHARDSON REPLIED BY DELINEATING SCOPE, OBJECTIVES AND  
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BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS CU EXCHANGE PROGRAM. POINTED OUT

CU OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, ALTHOUGH CU INTERESTED IN MANAGEMENT, AND THAT SCHOLARSHIPS GIVEN ONLY AT GRADUATE LEVEL. RICHARDSON REMARKED THAT FIELDS RATSIRAKA PROPOSED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS WERE PRIMARILY AID ORIENTED AND SUGGESTED AFGRAD AND INTERAF PROGRAMS AS BEING MORE APPROPRIATE. SUGGESTED RATSIRAKA SHOULD DISCUSS WITH AID DONALD BROWN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE THESE PROGRAMS (SUBJECT SEPTTEL). RICHARDSON CONCLUDED REMARKS BY OFFERING RATSIRAKA TWO OR THREE SCHOLARSHIPS IN CU-RELATED FIELDS.

4. COMMENTS: VIEW COMR'S LACK INTEREST FOREIGNERS TEACHING MADAGASCAR, POST MAY WISH RECONSIDER FY-74 CPP REQUEST FOR US PROFESSOR FOR UNIVERSITY. ALSO GIVEN CU'S PREFERENCES POST SHOULD REVIEW ITS TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSALS. ROGERS

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